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WALK IN, DRIVE OUT-The Gremlin donated by the ASB, Mr. C's Tires and Ward S. Lee's AMC has finally found a home. The persons who were previous contestants in the give-away were given another chance at last Wednesday's basketball game. All previous attempts to throw a football through a swinging tire and shoot a basket from half-court have failed. ASSAC president Hal Lentz hands the keys to winner Mark Gallegos
(Photo by Jose Herrera)

DA investigates campus incident

by Terry Costlow

The shooting incident on the SAC campus which was described as "a scene from a cartoon" has been turned over to the district attorney for further investigation.

One person was wounded and another detained by police when a dance contest sponsored by the Black Student Union ended in pandemonium Feb. 14.

The injured man was identified as Anthony Jones of Santa Ana. Jones received a .32 caliber gunshot wound in his thigh. The bullet exited from his leg and has not been found. No trace of a weapon has been discovered.

Jones has denied possession of a gun, although powder burns indicate that a gun went off in his pocket. He was not charged.

Two off-duty policemen were on duty at the dance, as is standard procedure, said Thomas Trawick, chief of SAC Security and Safety.

During the dance, an argument began when several persons began crowding up near a table holding stereo equipment. When no one moved at the request of those in charge, Henry Wisner, one of the people in charge of the music, allegedly waved a gun and fired three shots upward in an attempt to disperse the crowd.

Wisner was detained by police for "suspicion of brandishing a firearm," but was released pending further investigation.

When the shots were fired, panicky dancers rushed for every exit available. One person was seen climbing out a restroom window, while another was thought to have crashed through a large plate glass window.

The identity of the girl who first went through the window is not known. No injuries or traces of blood were discovered by officers. Officials have speculated that a table may have shattered the window before the girl was pushed through.

No additional security precautions for upcoming events are planned at this time.

by Elaine Beno

Vodka and orange juice, peanutbutter and jelly, Astaire and Rogers. All great combinations, but how about "Beer and the Bowl?"

It's not a new dance or an exotic drink, but a recent Santa Ana city ordinance that permits beer to be sold at the Santa Ana Bowl.

Many SAC students hearing this were ecstatic, thinking that the alcoholic beverage could be purchased during football games next season.

These students, however, will be dismayed. Student Activities Director Don McCain, shaking his head, replies "It just won't happen."

"The California State Education Code does not allow us to sell alcoholic beverages at the high school or college level," McCain further elaborated.

According to the new ordinance, beer will be under special contract within the city. Generally speaking, the beer will be available only at the new professional Santa Ana Lionettes softball games.

The bill, which was passed over the protestations of groups such as the Salvation Army, is on a trial basis, according to councilmen. Should problems come about, making the games "unfit" for family activities, the ordinance will likely be rescinded.

Cancelled:

No beer

for SAC

Senatorial candidate Tom Hayden to campaign on campus next week

by John E. Lee

Former campus activist Tom Hayden, presently a Democratic contender for U.S. Senator, will speak at the SAC Amphitheater one week from today.

A controversial figure for over a decade, Hayden worked for the Civil Rights movement in the early 1960s and helped to found the Students For a Democratic Society organization.

In 1968 he became a defendant in the "Chicago Seven" conspiracy trial which was eventually thrown out of court.

In his 1 p.m. appearance at SAC next Friday, Hayden will outline his campaign platform to the public and respond to questions from the audience.

Student Activities Director Don McCain hopes to bring several major candidates for Senator and other offices to SAC in coming months.

"We would like to extend the invitation," said McCain, "to all viable candidates to speak on this campus." He envisions a large-scale effort by his office to attract such speakers.

"I would like very much," he said, "to see us become the place in Orange County where

candidates will come to speak."

McCain's office arranged for Hayden's appearance through the Orange County Democratic Headquarters at 1523 East First Street in Santa Ana, the site of a Hayden rally last Saturday night.

The SAC event is being coordinated in conjunction with a new on-campus club, The Young People's Coalition for Hayden, headed by SAC students Susan Yaffe and Don Sierras. Political Science Instructor Dr. Fred Mabbott is the most likely prospect for faculty advisor.

The Coalition has put up Hayden posters across the campus and will sell campaign buttons, t-shirts and bumper stickers. Weekly meetings will be announced as scheduled.

While not gearing the program toward favoring any one candidate, McCain advocates student involvement in politics.

"They (students) need to pay more attention to what is happening politically," he said. "They need to be more aware."

Hayden's politically oriented actress wife Jane Fonda, who was cheered at a brief non-speaking appearance at Saturday's rally, is not expected to attend the SAC function.

Trustees okay opening of health center for summer

by John Barna

The RSCCD Board of Trustees has approved the opening of the Student Health Center during the eight-week summer session.

The Board also heard progress reports concerning the proposed campus changes for the fall, the \$150 million Bond Act that will appear on the June primary election ballot and a long-range study of the need for district wide facilities.

In previous years the Student Health Center was not open during the summer session because of the lack of necessary legislation. With the passage of Assembly Bill 1571, community colleges are now authorized to offer health services.

The Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 6 to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday. A physician, psychiatrist and registered nurse will be available at these hours.

Costs for maintaining these services will be funded by a \$1.50 student fee. Because of the anticipated impact of rising malpractice insurance costs, approval of the \$3.50 health fee for the fall and spring semesters is being held in abeyance pending further study.

Meanwhile, the Board is watching closely the progress of Phase I development. This is the

proposed plan of changes affecting campus access, parking and the new soccer field. As of this date only two homes remain to be purchased before development commences.

Even closer attention is being given to the upcoming June 8 primary election ballot. The Community College Construction Program Bond Act, to be known as Proposition Four on the ballot, will provide \$150 million in general obligation bonds. Funds from the sale of these bonds would be used for the construction of community college facilities to provide for the projected growth in enrollment.

Funds from the Bond Act of 1972 are exhausted. The money raised from the sale of the new bonds are to last for a three year period and will be repaid from the State's General Fund.

The Rancho Santiago Community College District comprises some 175 square miles with a population of 300,000. As such, the Board of Trustees have proposed long-range studies to examine the need for district-wide facilities, particularly in the northeast section. This is the area that will sustain the most growth.

Emerging from these studies will be a master plan depicting both the future needs of the RSCCD and the available options to cope with these needs.



Beer ok'ed, but not for SAC

(Photo by Jerry Barrett)

Campus News Briefs

Auditions set for summer musical

The Bicentennial Musical *George M!* will be presented at SAC this summer. It will run 10 performances from July 29 through August 7. Directed by Robert Blaustone, the production will be co-sponsored by Santa Ana Parks and Recreation, the City of Santa Ana, Santa Ana Bicentennial Commission, SAC and RSCCD. Auditions for the production will be held June 7, 8, and 9 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Cooking theme to cover U.S.A.

A Cooking Tour of the U.S.A. is the theme of the 5th Annual College of Creative Cookery. The popular cookery will open at SAC on March 6 in Phillips Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Program is free and is open to the adult public. For further information, call 835-3000, ext. 220.

Secretary scholarships available

Scholarship applications for students who are studying to become legal secretaries and who will have completed at least one year of college by June 1976 are available now through the Counseling Office. Three scholarships of \$300 each will be awarded. Deadline is March 1.

Solos Club offers scholarships

The Social Solos Club is offering a \$500 scholarship for any unmarried male or female 40 years of age or older. Part-time or full-time students may apply. Any major is acceptable. Applications are available in the Counseling Center. Deadline is March 12.

Vets urged to look into benefits

The Veterans Administration is encouraging 29 million living veterans and their families to become familiar with survivors benefits to which they may be entitled. Veteran service organizations and local VA offices should be contacted for complete information.

SAC instructor amends suit

Bruce Macnaughton has filed an amended suit in his case against UCI (see el DON, Feb. 20). The current complaint has been altered to show cause in the suit. No new court date has been set.

Campus Calendar

The SAC Theater Arts Department production of *The Playboy of the Western World* will be staged at Phillips Hall March 18-20, not May 18-20 as mistakenly reported last week.

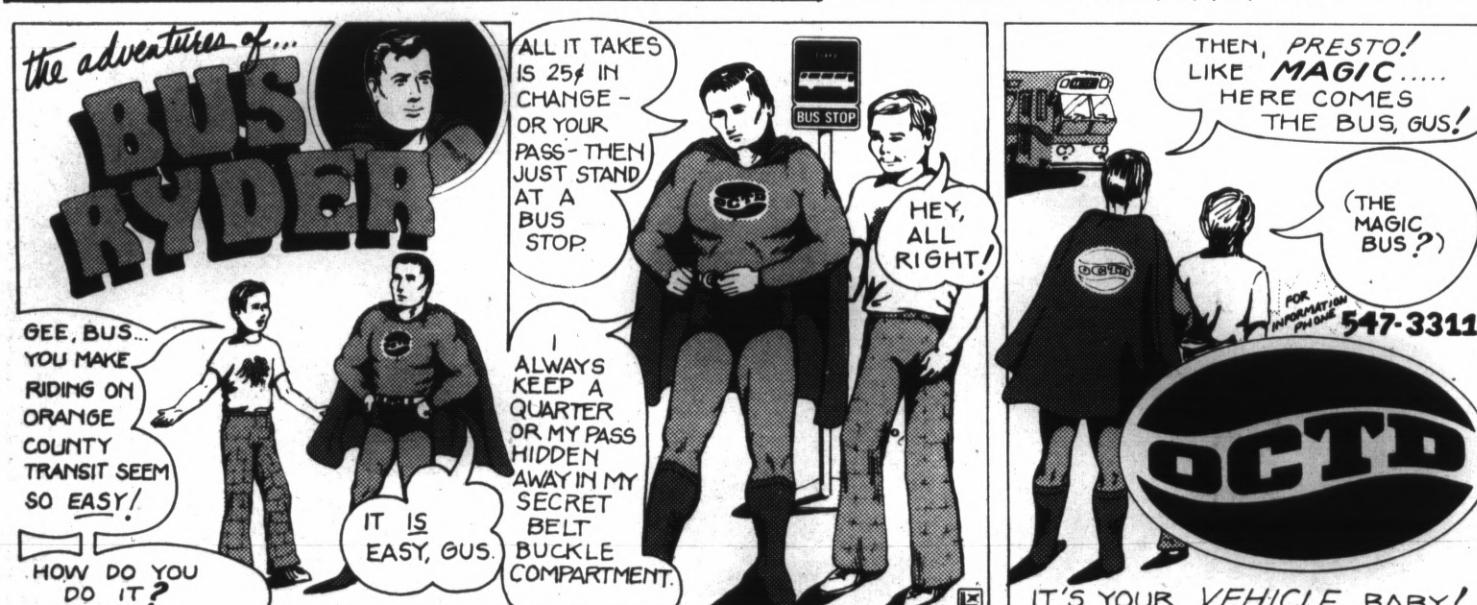
A free slide presentation on "The Seaplane Races and Schnieder Cup" will be presented on March 5 in Dunlap Hall, room D-201 from 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Community Services Office of RSCCD, it will detail a portion of aviation and aircraft development.

A six-day trip exploring Death Valley will be held during Easter vacation. For information contact Mr. Bates, R-204...

The Collegiate Christian Club meets from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the faculty lounge...

The film *Growing Up Female: As Six Becomes One* will be shown March 1 in the Faculty Study at 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Women's Opportunity Center, this event is free...

Tom Hayden will speak in the Amphitheatre on March 5 at 1 p.m....



Mini-concerts, intramural sports, candidates to highlight spring

by Deirdre West

The activities highlighting the Spring Semester will include four mini-concerts, intramural sport tournaments in softball and ping pong as well as the traditional noon concerts and talks by various senatorial candidates.

The mini-concerts will take place in Phillips Hall. There are two shows allowing approximately 1,000 people to attend, costing about \$2.50 per person or \$1.50 with an ASB card. Groups invited to do a mini-concert at SAC are "in-between" — not overly large, but big enough to be fairly well known according to Don McCain, activities director.

Rain, a Beatle's look-alike group, (they do everything similarly, down to the costumes) will be appearing on April 3. The Roto Rooter Goodtime Christmas Band, who has just changed their name to Roto, is also a certainty. A stand-up comic, Larry Beaser, will appear with Roto.

Two other groups, Mag Wheels and the Lugnuts, a fifties style band, and Papa Doo Run

Run with a Beach Boys sound are probabilities to perform.

In an effort to create an intramural program there is a softball tournament going on. There were 11 teams to start, eight are still in the running, and there will be a ping pong tournament in the near future.

Tom Hayden, a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, will be on Campus March 5, at 1 p.m. "We are attempting to get other Senatorial candidates to come here to speak," stated McCain.

"We are hoping that somebody out there will come down the lecture circuit who will be bigger than those we have come across," McCain remarked. Right now they are considering such people as Jack Anderson, William Colby—an ex CIA chief, or Shirley Chisolm who "is always a possibility."

In the student lounge on March 18, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. there will be a blood drive for the Red Cross.

There may be another dance, at least one more barbecue and, of course, the noon concerts will continue, one every few weeks.



(Photo by Jose Herrera)

EASY ENTRY -- New self-opening doors have been installed in the library and Administration buildings. SAC students Dan Pierson and Jim Easley check out the new passageway at the

Administration building. The doors are intended to facilitate access for disabled student. The cost of installation was \$7,830.

TV review

'Camera-shy' Schmitz is no match for 'Rich Man'

by Rosemary Mathis

Grab the popcorn, folks, and pull up the coziest chair. Get comfortable and prepare yourself for the newest show on television.

For those of you who lack interest in channel 7's *Rich Man, Poor Man*, a flip through the TV Guide will turn up its most recent competitor, *The John Schmitz Forum*, Mondays at 10 p.m.

Yes, America, our favorite senatorial candidate has turned in his man on the street profile to take on Hollywood's newest political image.

With his wife Mary, at his side, Schmitz opened his first show with a play-by-play account of his

family and their all-American activities.

Mrs. Schmitz smiled right on cue while her husband dominated his half hour show with experiences and humor usually reserved for his 50-minute lecture classes.

Presented in a "coffee" format, Schmitz has invited guests ask questions on various topics such as welfare, crime and the Panama Canal.

Dressed in a conservative dark suit (for those of you who do not own a black and white set) Schmitz showed the human quality of nervousness through much of the presentation.

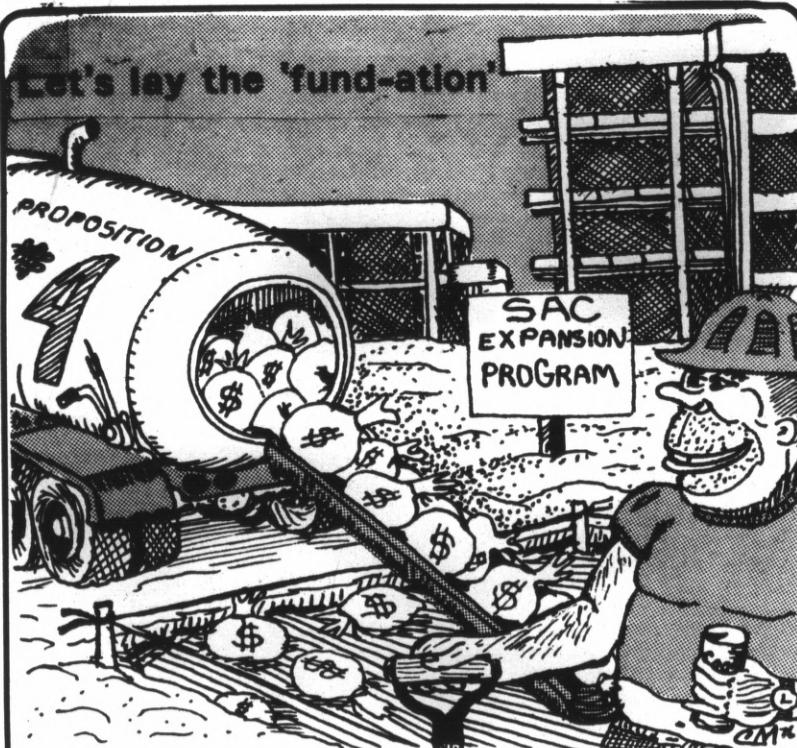
If you happened to be involved in your "anything is good when it sits on a Ritz" cracker, you might have missed the seconds of time when Schmitz looked directly into the camera.

Explaining to the audience that he was not reading cue cards, a viewer may wonder what was so interesting on the coffee table. Surely not the glass of water that he was moving around.

A cheer must have gone up all over Orange County when Schmitz mentioned his loyal students. Santa Ana College was now a place on the map. But as fast as the cheers went up, the groans went up even faster as Schmitz televised to the whole world what his next class assignment was going to be.

As the 30 minutes came to an awkward halt, the popcorn in my bowl did too. What timing.

I hardly noticed as Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz smiled their way off camera. I was quickly tuning in to find out about Rudy and Julie on *Rich Man, Poor Man*.

**Editorial****Bond funds can help ease building costs**

Voters will go to the polls June 8 to consider approval of Proposition Four, a measure which will allow the state to sell \$150 million in bonds for community college construction.

el DON strongly urges passage of this measure for it will aid SAC in an urgently needed expansion program.

Construction financing comes from the district budget but the state provides part of the cost through bond issues or state appropriations. However, Governor Brown's cap on spending growth has imposed limitations on state budget appropriations for community college purposes.

The most needed construction projects at SAC are those designated to expand the campus. According to Dr. Vernon Armstrong, dean of Planning and Development, most community colleges have 150 to 200 acres. SAC has only 45 and will increase to 60 acres when the new property south of the campus is acquired. Bond money could help pay for the land and construction costs.

Expansion of the campus will provide for badly needed parking space. According to an RSCCD traffic study, 214 accidents and two fatalities occurred in the college area from 1971-73. Many of these accidents were the result of parking arrangements which are obsolete in the presence of SAC's increasing student population.

The monies from bond sales will not only go to expanding our present campus but also will help in building additional facilities and acquiring additional sites for campus locations if they are needed. A satellite campus for SAC is now planned in the Orange Hills area and bond money will help accomplish this objective.

The projects mentioned are either already in progress or in the planning stage and all that is needed is the necessary funding to see them through. SAC's present plans for campus expansion have been approved by the California Community College Board of Governors and part of the anticipated bond money has been allotted to the college projects.

The money approved for construction in the area west of Pacific and east of College Avenue is \$372,600. The allotted monies for purchasing and construction in the area east of Pacific Avenue and south of Washington Street is \$1,353,800, according to Armstrong. Thus a guaranteed amount of money has been assigned to SAC.

Since the cap for college funds has already resulted in an increase in taxes for the district, a defeat of the bond proposition would cause an additional burden on the taxpayer.

Bond issues for community college construction projects are rarely defeated. In light of the state spending cap, increasing construction costs and urgently needed projects, **el DON** strongly urges a yes vote on Proposition Four.

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Environmental Issues

Atomic energy: fuel source or potential atomic bomb?

The following article is the first of a two part series on the hazards of nuclear energy to be concluded next issue. Environmental Issues will continue to study ecological problems pertaining to or directly affecting California.

by Lynda Kull

The disaster of a severe earthquake is destructive enough, but imagine the devastation caused by that quake if it demolished or damaged a nuclear power plant.

The release of radioactive particles into the air could form a colorless, odorless cloud that has the potential to kill people, cause cancer and poison the land, according to scientists.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission strictly enforces a rule that nuclear facilities built in earthquake zones must be constructed to withstand the stress caused by the largest recorded quake in that area. But larger quakes are possible and new faults are being discovered.

For instance, approximately 170 miles north of Orange County near San Luis Obispo, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is building two reactors to provide 2.2 million kilowatts of electricity. One reactor is nearly finished and the other will be completed in August 1977.

This facility, the Diablo Canyon Plant, is located 45 miles west of the San Andreas fault and 20 miles from the Rinconada fault. It has been designed to survive a quake registering 6.75 on the

Richter scale.

Recently, an underwater fault has been discovered two and one-half miles east of the plant. It is believed that this, the Hosgri fault, was responsible for a 1927 quake estimated at 7.25 on the Richter scale. PG&E experts dispute this belief.

Now the NRC must decide the fate of the Diablo Canyon Plant. Should they grant an operating license or delay it until the structure is strengthened? NRC will make its decision by March 1, but it is the people of California who will pay the price of higher electricity rates for increased construction costs or risk the loss of land and lives if a disaster does occur.

At present there are three completed nuclear power plants in California. The Humboldt Bay and San Onofre stations are currently in operation. There are four more plants, two at San Onofre, that are under construction and 23 other sites are planned.

Many concerned people are forming groups such as Project Survival and Californians for Nuclear Safeguards to let legislators know their feelings and ensure that proper safety measures are enacted. The lawmakers have responded with the Nuclear Safeguard Initiative, a bill which will be voted on in the June primary. It deals with the problems of safety systems, waste storage, evacuation plans and liability compensation.

Leeway**Why is Nixon in China?**

John E. Lee

Former President Richard M. Nixon is in China, but no one appears to know exactly why Mao Tse-tung asked him there or what his motives are for electing to go.

The few facts known about Nixon's second China visit leave many questions, each with several possible answers.

Mao issued the invitation last Dec. 31, through David and Julie (Nixon) Eisenhower. The deposed President boarded a Chinese jetliner last Saturday on the fourth anniversary of his first historic China trip.

In the wake of that first junket in 1972, Nixon's popularity at home soared, enabling him to win a landslide victory over McGovern in that election year.

It is not likely that the former President has hopes of running for any office now, but it is probable that he would like to see the China visit return him some measure of prestige and influence.

Conditions in today's China are quite different than they were four years ago. With the recent death of Premiere Chou En-lai and with the 82-year-old Chairman Mao fading with age, the Chinese government is in the midst of a power struggle between left-wing radicals and their more

numerous moderate opponents.

Mao's invitation to Nixon could be an attempt to firmly establish moderate factions. Or he might have been displeased with President Ford's recent visit and now hopes for better results from Nixon.

Ford claims to have no involvement in the affair, saying Nixon is travelling as a "private citizen." But in this election year Ford would hardly admit to endorsing the trip as a diplomatic venture even if this was, in fact, the case.

In any event the junket will once more put Nixon in the public eye - and in a favorable light. With so much uncertainty about internal Chinese politics he will most likely be consulted on his return and he knows it.

Nixon's true motives are hard to ascertain. Perhaps he is selling out or seeking political asylum on the eve of some devastating new Watergate-related revelation.

Or he may be making the trip in good faith -- as a sincere effort to redeem himself by noble deeds.

The meeting between the fallen American President and the aged Chinese Chairman is one that could shake the world. Or it could amount to nothing more than a tea party between two old warhorses with little or no real power left to them in their respective fields.

Letter to the editor

Letter cites car give-away as a student 'rip-off'

Dear Editor,

Congratulations! You have reported another rip-off of the students here at SAC. I refer of course to the method of disposing of the auto by using a drawing limited to only a select few. Not all ASB members are physically able to win using the method originally selected. That's assuming, of course, that they were first able to attend the games. I'm aware the auto and its method of disposal were meant to stimulate the sale of ASB memberships and boost attendance of the games.

If a drawing is to be the method of giving the car away then all ASB members should have their names in the pot. Count me out for future ASB

participation. The whole thing stinks.

Ronald G. Hindham

Due to negligence from the **el DON** editorial staff, two letters submitted to the paper have been misplaced. One letter dealt with the Vet's club while the other was a memorial letter concerning the kindness of Howard Russell. **el DON** feels both of these letters deserve publication and asks these writers to please resubmit their letters if they have the time. **el DON** pledges this mistake will not happen again and is investing in a safety deposit box for other letters. Letters to the editor can be brought to the **el DON** office or the mailbox in the Snack Bar. All letters must be clearly legible and no longer than 250 words.

Movie review

'Gable and Lombard' shows love, sorrow

by Elizabeth Reich

"The only thing that kept me a big star has been revivals of *Gone With the Wind*," Clark Gable once said of his career.

Whatever the reason, Gable had something -- a sort of mixture of charisma and talent -- that made him the King of the movie acting industry.

Gable was born in Cadiz, Ohio in 1901, but didn't seriously consider an acting career until 1924, when he appeared in stage productions, occasionally getting work as an extra in silent films.

After moving to Hollywood

in 1931, Gable was in a western, *The Painted Desert*, that brought him to the attention of MGM studios.

Gable fit into the manly image of male stardom so popular at the entrance of talking pictures. He was not suave and slick but rather insulting and ungracious, yet was labelled every woman's ideal lover.

In 1932, he appeared in *No Man of Her Own* with the comedienne who is reported to have been Gable's only love, Carole Lombard.

Lombard was born Jane Peters in Fort Wayne, Indiana in

1908. She was discovered in 1921, which led to minor roles and work in the Mack Sennett comedies.

Lombard didn't receive star billing until 1934, when she finally had the chance to display her comedic talents in *Twentieth Century*. Gable married Carole in 1939, after a seven-year secret courtship. A reclusive couple, they lived on their ranch in Encino, spending their free moments hunting and fishing.

Sentimentality rules in *Gable and Lombard*, a film about the brief, earthy love affair shared by the two.

Produced by Harry Kornshak and directed by Sidney J. Furie, the movie begins at the scene of Carole Lombard's fatal plane crash with a subdued Clark

Gable waiting in hope of hearing good news. Just an early reminder to make sure that you've got a tissue nearby -- they think you may need it.

Actually the first half hour is rather dull, a time spent in comparing the real Lombard and Gable to the phonies and wondering how in the world they came to choose two actors who look so unlike the real thing.

But don't get readily discouraged, the film soon picks up, even to the point where all comparisons are forgotten. It's evident that the headliners of this movie worked hard at their near-impossible tasks of re-creating the two monumental stars of the thirties.

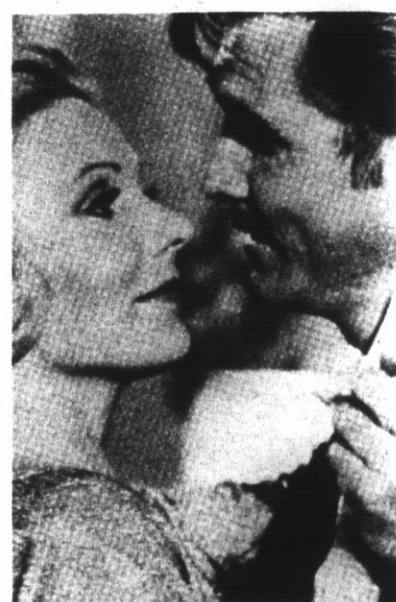
Most of James Brolin's scenes were uncannily shot in the dark, a time when he most looked like Gable. Brolin, as the King whom Lombard fondly called "Paw," has an almost minor role compared to Jill Clayburgh's Carole.

Clayburgh handles the role of the outrageous wisecracker perfectly, showing Lombard as she must have been -- strong-willed and misunderstood, yet always vibrant and feminine.

Lombard startles the lady-killer Gable by ignoring his manly status and declaring, "Honey, you ain't much of anything."

After several rocky meetings, the two somehow get together, over the frank disapproval of MGM head Louie B. Mayer (Allen Garfield). Gable is still legally married to his second wife, Ria, thus Mayer foresees disaster in case a scandal should break loose. "People do not pay money to see immoralists," he insists.

Undaunted, and with the help of Gable's PR man, Ivan Cooper (nicely performed by Red Buttons), the two proceed to live together, keeping it a secret from their adoring public. Eventually a magazine article puts the two lovers in the gossip columns but they are advised to denounce everything as mere rumors.



(Photo by Chris Abbott)

HAPPY LOVE -- Jill Clayburgh and James Brolin try hard to bring forth the personalities of two of the most famous stars of yesteryear.

Lombard, not one to give up a fight, announces to the world, "Me and that big ape over there have been hitting the sack every night and I have a sore back to prove it!"

What happens to their careers? That's all history now. But beware of that ending . . . you may need that tissue after all.

All of Hollywood mourned when Lombard was killed after the plane she was riding in slammed into a mountain near Las Vegas in 1942.

Gable did not resume his career until 1945 when he co-starred in *Adventure* with Greer Garson.

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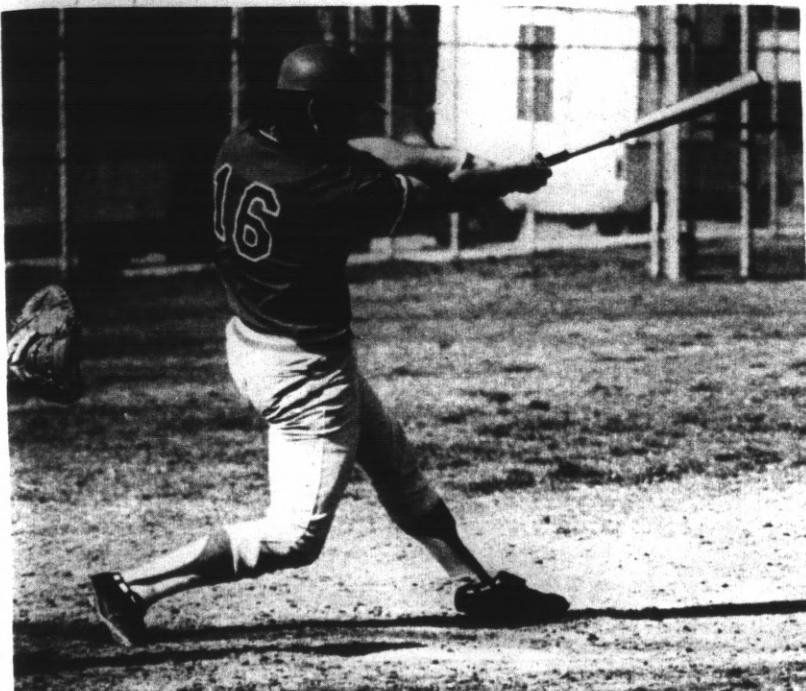
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FOUR-BAGGER -- Catcher Steve Till smashed this home run last week and led the Dons to victories over Pasadena, Riverside and Golden West Colleges. SAC's 5-3 record exhibits strong pitching to go along with powerful hitting. The Dons open a tough four-game homestand with three top-seeded teams in the State JC rankings. SAC toppled Rio Hondo (6-3) last Monday for its third consecutive victory.

(photo by Ed Blair)

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Golfers to tee-off season as conference favorites

by Victor Cota

Fore! The SAC golfers are back again.

The Don golf team will tee-off in conference action this Monday at Old Ranch in Long Beach and you can be sure people will be watching.

They'll be watching the best team in Southern California. At least that's what Arlin Pirtle thinks. And he should know - he's the coach.

"I'm sure we're the top team in the south right now," Pirtle said. "We've already beaten the big teams in this area."

"In fact, Santa Ana is already the team to beat. It's been that way for the last 15 years."

How can Pirtle make such a statement, you ask? Simply

because he's been at SAC that long. He knows a good team when he sees one, and he sees one every year.

"We have a history of outstanding golf here," the veteran coach said with a distinct Oklahoma country voice, "and we've finished first every time except for the three years we finished second."

That includes last year's conference crown and ninth place in the state.

"When I came here in '58 there was no golf team per se. I established a pattern. I didn't make a program -- just put in a pattern. There's a right way and a wrong way. And there's a correct way and my way. We play my way."

As the program has developed through the years it has also increased in popularity. Pirtle indicated that SAC is well known throughout the state as one of the top golf schools. He also said that golfers come here to play because of the college's strong reputation.

"We've always been the team to beat. The team that beats us is going some place."

But Pirtle doesn't expect to lose many. He said the squad looks "like another strong one."

Leading the putters are returning letterman Mitch Lee and Rick Lehman. Along with the experienced players are freshmen Lew Cooper, Marty

Moringelli and Bob Stahl. The sixth man on the team is Morice Gultman, a transfer student from Cal-State University, Northridge.

Pirtle believes his team is strong enough to beat 90 per cent of the state universities, even this early in the season.

He said his program is run differently than the others around campus. "Everything around here is done objectively not subjectively. I run a straight shift and there's no room for the coach to play favoritism. The student who produces a good game will be the one playing. Scores determine who plays."

The seven South Coast Conference teams will gather together Monday at Old Ranch and Pirtle will get his first look at his foes. "I haven't scouted this year. I don't feel it's necessary. I think we're that good."

And maybe so. After all, Pirtle knows a good team when he sees one.

SAC soccer

The Don soccer team opened spring league play last week with a 3-2 loss to Chaffey College. Action resumes today as SAC hosts Mt. SAC at 3:30 p.m. on the football field.

"We played an established team with a lot more experience than us," said coach Dan Goldmann. "The players did a good job despite the loss. We played our best game ever!"

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Don, Mountie cagers skirmish for first place in SCC tomorrow

by Ray Crawford

Tomorrow night the Don cagers clash with Mount San Antonio to determine who wins the tough South Coast Conference. If SAC wins, it forces a one-game playoff for the entry into the state championship tournament.

The contest will spotlight the classic battle of the Dons' quickness versus the strength and size of the Mounties. If Mt. SAC triumphs, they win the conference and the right to represent the league in the state tournament.

Both squads had to get past formidable opponents last Wednesday night. Results were unavailable at press time.

Sports Scene

WRESTLING

Today -- So. Calif. Regionals at SAC -- all day

BASKETBALL

Tomorrow -- at Mt. SAC -- 7:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Tomorrow -- Golden West at SAC -- noon

March 2 -- Harbor at SAC -- 2:30 p.m.

March 4 -- Rio Hondo at SAC -- 2:30 p.m.

March 5 -- SAC at Harbor -- 2:30 p.m.

GOLF

March 1-5 -- Tournament at Cerritos -- 1 p.m.

Coach Rolland Todd turned his horses loose this past week as they galloped to consecutive victories over the Grossmont Griffins and over last year's conference champion Cerritos Falcons.

The terrific freshman trio of Howard Avery, Blake Taylor and Steve Smith raced over, around and through the Griffins' inconsistent defense as they led the Dons to a 95-78 victory.

Avery played his best home game of the season by scoring 20 points and dazzling the crowd with four 'magician-like' assists. Smith tallied 22 points and pulled down seven caroms. His deadly jumper befuddled SAC's foes all night. The exciting Taylor astonished the crowd with two unbelievable breakaway slamdunks. His 'show' consisted of 19 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Last Saturday, the Falcons of Cerritos entered the Don lair. The Dons never looked better as they sprinted to a 96-69 victory. "We played our best game of the season," stated Todd.

Sophomore forwards Barrie Elliot and Bart Penfold played stellar roles in aiding captain Jim Cunningham to contain All-State ace Willie Howard. The trio held Howard to a season low of six points. Penfold, in particular, looked outstanding as the 6'4" jumping jack pulled down 12 season-high caroms. Elliot sprayed in timely baseline

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SAC teams considered underdogs, outstanding athletes go elsewhere



Don Hansen

Tired of attending a Don athletic event and the majority of the time feeling bad because SAC lost?

Don't be dismayed. Many students and alumni have to scratch their heads and wince to remember when all sports enjoyed a successful season. And it will continue until the SAC administration gets with it and makes it possible for the Dons to compete on the same level as their opponents.

Most of the time that the Dons enter an athletic contest they should be considered underdogs. SAC is at a disadvantage because it has the lowest enrollment of any school in the South Coast Conference, it has the smallest recruiting area (seven high schools) and generally the poorest facilities of any college in the league for outdoor sports.

The school should stand behind its athletic program and I

don't think that SAC has done so. How long has it been since the track squad has been able to compete on the Don field? How much more money will the administration sink into improvements without fully repairing the track and being done with it? Women's sports lack proper facilities, the

"to be the best you should play the best?"

baseball team plays in the smallest park in the conference and the grid squad competes in the much used Santa Ana Bowl.

Since SAC cannot offer the athletes the same facilities as other JC's, the excellent athletes go elsewhere. The only thing that the Dons can offer is a dedicated coaching staff that is willing to work individually with each athlete.

There are numerous solutions to the problem, some advocate a transfer to the Mission Conference and others want the formation of an All-County League. Baseball coach Jim Reach favors the All-County League idea. "It would cut down on travel expenses, create more attendance and start local rivalries," he said.

Track mentor Howard Brubaker likes the Mission Conference idea. "The athletes need the bigger diversification of competition," he asserted.

Of the three major sports, football, basketball and baseball, not one has had a running winning record in the last 25 years. Wrestling, golf, cross country and track are the only

fields which boast a winning record since 1950.

In today's society, there's a big emphasis on winning. Some people say, "to be the best you must play the best," but I strongly believe you should compete on your own level!

Sure, SAC athletic squads have had their moments of glory. Conference titles and state championships haven't completely eluded the Dons. But how can an athlete put forth 100 per cent, when he realizes that he's the underdog before he sets foot on the turf? It's about time that we stand behind the athletes that represent this school and at least give them a fighting chance!



NEAR-FALL-- Kevin Harvey is one of the top candidates in the 177-pound division competing in the So. Cal. Regional Tournament held today in Cook Gym. The freshman has surprised everyone in route to a sparkling 26-6 record. The Don grapplers are expected to finish high in today's tournament and the state championship in March. SAC concluded the dual season with an 11-7-1 record including a 3-3 conference mark to finish in third place in the South Coast Conference. (photo by Ed Blair)

Grapplers host So. Cal. regionals all day today

by Victor Cota

Cook Gym will turn into a wrestling arena today as SAC hosts the Southern California Regional Community College Wrestling Championships.

Eighteen colleges will compete in the day-long tournament beginning at 10 a.m., with the finals slated for 7:30 p.m.

The top four finishers and an alternate in each weight category will be invited to the state tourney in March.

SAC, the host school, has been picked to finish fifth behind powerhouses Palomar, El Camino, Grossmont and Cerritos by the California JC Wrestling Review, the only publication that rates two-year schools state wide.

El Camino captured the regional crown last year and SAC won it the previous season. The Dons went on to win the state title becoming the only Orange County team to accomplish this feat.

This time around things will get a bit rougher. SAC placed third in last week's South Coast

Conference finals behind Grossmont and Cerritos.

Don stand-outs were Aaron Thomas (126), Tim Callen (134) and Don Alaman (hvywt.) who won their weight divisional titles. Bob Zantos placed second in the 150-pound category while Everett Winter (118), Kevin Harvey (158) and Steve Draper (167) took third place.

In today's regional, Thomas will battle co-favorite Ben Martinez of El Camino for the top spot in the 126-pound division.

Zantos is also a co-favorite along with Mike Burgher of Palomar in the 150-pound weight. But Alaman will have to tangle with several competitors and must end up with a surprise finish as he did last week at the conference finals to qualify for the state tourney.

Don coach Frank Addleman realizes his squad will have their hands full but remains optimistic that some individuals may qualify.

"I know it's going to be very competitive," the mat coach said, "but I am looking forward to seeing some of our wrestlers qualify."

Don batmen explode for three wins, start 4-game homestand

by Don Hansen Jr.
Sports Editor

SAC's baseball squad was expected to exhibit strong pitching this season, but last week it was the batting that was outstanding as the batmen tallied 29 runs in four games. The Dons improved their record to 5-3 by winning three out of four contests.

"We're capable of scoring a lot of runs," related coach Jim Reach. "Our pitch selection was much better."

SAC defeated Pasadena on Feb. 17, 8-6, in a slugfest. Pinch-hitter David Phillips cracked a two-out single in the seventh inning that decided the contest. Reliever Tony Brennan picked up his second victory of the season hurling the final three innings.

The following day, Cypress pounded SAC, 12-6. It was the second time that the Chargers defeated the Dons in the young season. In defeat the batmen still scored six times on Steve Till's homer backed by Jim Gardea's and Dan Wheeler's two - hit performance.

"The way we're playing right now, we can beat anybody and

anybody can beat us," stated Reach. "But we're capable of playing much better. So far we've played very inconsistently."

Last Friday, the Dons trounced Riverside, 10-5. Gary Gerber went the distance on the

"We're capable of scoring a lot of runs."

mound striking out nine Tigers. Brian Burke led the offensive barrage, collecting a double and a single for two RBI's to go along with Craig Hedrick's and Danny Jackson's homeruns.

On Feb. 21, Greg Johnson's six-hitter led SAC to a 5-2

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victory. Johnson collected 10 strike outs for his second victory. Jackson's, Wheeler's and Greg Barrington's two-hit output backed the Don hurler.

SAC opens a tough four-game homestand against Saddleback (Feb. 26), then Golden West (Feb. 28), Harbor (March 2) and Rio Hondo (March 4). "Three of the four squads are rated in the top 20 in the JC rankings," explained the Donmentor.

With the Don batmen averaging over seven runs per game last week to go along with strong pitching, SAC's quest for a South Coast Conference Championship is not impossible this season.

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